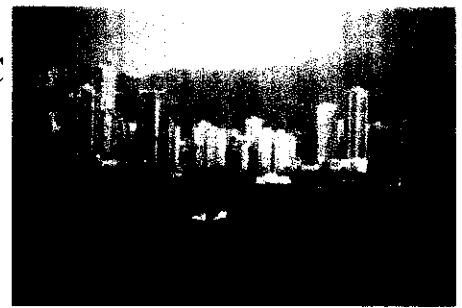


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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
 C/O Geraldine Taylor  
 Federal Communications Commission  
 9300 E. Hampton Dr.  
 Capital Heights, MD 20743

ORIGINAL

Re: MB Docket No. 07-57, Consolidated Applications for Authority to Transfer Control  
 of XM Satellite Radio Holdings Inc. and Sirius Satellite Radio Inc.  
 Ex Parte Presentation

Dear Ms. Dortch.

This is to notify you of meetings on the following dates with select individuals:

April 3, 2008 at 3:00 p.m., I met with Commissioner Deborah Taylor Tate and Amy  
 Blankenship Legal Advisor.

April 4, 2008 at 10:30 a.m., I met with Commissioner Jonathan S. Adelstein and Rudy  
 Brioche' Legal Advisor for Media Issues.

April 10, 2008 at 1:30 p.m., I met with Commissionaer Michel Copps's Senior Legal  
 Advisor Media Rick Chesson.

During each of the above meetings we discussed the upcoming Sirius/XM merger and  
 our interest to participate in the lease arrangement and to provide compelling  
 programming. We discussed our background of 20 years plus in  
 telecommunications/media which uniquely qualifies us to bring value-add to this deal.  
 We also discussed that we were not interested in just providing programming but as a  
 minority female to bring diversity to this project for inclusion and to protect public  
 interest. We shared that we have participated in the National Association of Black  
 Telecommunications Professionals conferences and more recently been the catalyst for  
 the Dr. Bill Cosby outreach and The Great Debaters city tour to reach our young people  
 and their parents. We have created some compelling programming along with multi-  
 media through documentary, feature film, books based upon our life experiences which  
 we feel will have a positive impact on our community through one on one personal  
 accountability.

Belinda Bond  
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From April 3, 2008 to date, I have corresponded through emails and phone calls to request a meeting with Commissioner Robert M. McDowell's via Brigid N. Calamis Deputy Chief of Staff; but no meeting has been confirmed to date.

From April 3, 2008 to date, I have corresponded through emails and phone calls to request a meeting with Chairman Kevin J. Martin via his Confidential Assistant Lori Alexiou; but no meeting has been confirmed to date.

April 8, 2008 10:00 a.m., I met with Sirius Management Patrick Donnelly Executive Vice President and General Council and Scott Greenstein President, Entertainment and Sports; however my original request was to meet with Chairman Mel Karmazin.

Sirius senior management was interested in our content and have requested a programming proposal with as much detailed information as possible for their evaluation including scripts, program clocks, identity of hosts, demonstration tapes and other materials we may find valuable. They have also requested any other materials that show our operational and financial ability to deliver programming. We have requested a confidentiality agreement and/or NDA and holding close to our programming model. We have not received either to date.

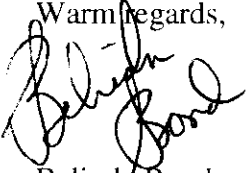
April 18, 2008 I had a brief conference call with Chester Davenport of Georgetown Partners and he stated that they were far along in this process and were not considering any programming proposals at this point but that we could submit something. We requested a confidentiality and/or NDA and have not received to date.

Someone stated during my meetings with the FCC that perhaps we should contact Dr. Cosby since he had historical interest in media. I have forwarded correspondence to Dr. Cosby through his agent Joel Brokaw.

Since the Justice Department recently approved the \$13 billion merger between Sirius Satellite and XM Radio and we are awaiting FCC approval, we propose a challenge to provide access and diversity to both the constituencies and independent owners for inclusion and long-term success through female minority participation through lease and "Programming with Purpose" to provide compelling and relevant content with both subscriber memberships and also advertiser-supported family programming. We are seeking either a percentage of the Georgetown lease or a separate lease with XM/Sirius for an independent network. This female minority equity interest will let us expand our reach to mothers in the United States and Canada to reclaim our children.

We appreciate this opportunity to help bring people out of deep holes and onto a victorious life.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Belinda Bond', written over the printed name.

Belinda Bond

The Belinda Bond Connection LLC  
President

Attachments

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# Rich Mama Belinda Bond

## Social Entrepreneur, Writer, Filmmaker

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*Rich Mama* Belinda Bond co-host of the movie *The Great Debater*'s city-wide tour called *Continuing The Debate* –She was the St. Louis catalyst for the Bill Cosby call-out forum. She will speak at the 2008 Monaco Charity Film Festival. She is issuing a *Global Call Out to Mamas* to change the world one Mamas story at a time inspired by the truth to reclaim our children.

She is a former executive with Southwestern Bell (now at&t the new official name). From 1980 to 1982 she worked on a special divestiture task force dividing assets from the BOCs (Bell Operating Companies) and MFJ (Modification of Final Judgement) and personally worked with FCC Commissioner Ben Hooks, Judge Harold Green and AT&T Chairmen John DeButts and Charlie Brown.

Bond received her graduate certificates from Amos Tuck and Wharton's management executive programs and undergraduate degrees from St. Louis University Nursing School and St. Benedictine College.

She is the winner of the Edison Brothers and JCPenneys Entrepreneur Award (AWOT - African American Women on Tour) and the *St. Louis Sentinel* "Yes I Can" Award, and Urban League Black Executive Exchange Program and has been nominated for the Ted Turner Trumpet and Madame CJ Walker awards.

She has served on the boards of directors of Allegiant Bank and St. Francis DeSales Children's Center and the Advisory Board of the St. Louis Crisis Nursery. Bond is currently developing ***Rich Mama, Poor Mama*** *im*, a book and feature film that look at one woman's journey through hardship and triumph through codependency recovery with the intervention of two mothers – one biological the other Jewish. Bond has two young adult children-one an engineering graduate, the other a business school graduate. Documentary film projects (*Codependency: Collateral Damage*) are in the works as well, focusing on the impact to family, friends and associates of alcoholics and other addicts and the family's recovery.

She was the first African American to receive a scholarship to an all-white private high school after being humiliated in a book fight in an all-black school. During her sophomore year in high school she became the first African American cashier at National Food Store. That let her pay her own way and return her scholarship money so they could help someone else.

Bond says **"Religion is for people afraid of going to hell. Recovery is for people who have been there."**



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St. Louis radio talk show host **Bernie Hayes** explores another side of black-on-black crime. It's the crime that is occurring in the board rooms and on the radio waves.

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# al Entrepreneur Lands l With J.C. Penney

### Hah Sims-Williams is American Writer

**VE ACRES**--In 1991, the economy was suffering, and the country was in a period of recovery. The buzz word was "downsizing." A presidential campaign was in progress, and Americans were looking for change in Washington. "It's the end of the world as we know it." That same year, the company left a lucrative salary and a large bonus with the Southwestern Bell Co. The company's tape...back-up a minute. The company's make a young executive successful career with a well-known company? The company's six-figure salary and 16

swim in the rough waters of entrepreneurship.

"My family told me to see a psychiatrist," Bond said. "I did and he agreed with me. With my own business, the sky would be the limit. At Southwestern Bell, I don't think I would get to be chairman [of the board]. I am the president of my company now."

After leaving Bell, Bond started the Network Marketing Corp. A native of Kinloch, Mo., Bond first peddled sportswear, landing accounts with Edison Brothers subsidiary Jeans West, Oak Tree and Merry-Go-Round.

But her most recent business venture, the Legacy of Achievers collection, came after a conversation with a student who participated in the "I Have A Dream" program, where Bond served as a mentor. They both



**Belinda Bond models an earring set**

# BOND

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thing that you can always use to accessorize and a lot of people can afford it."

The collection includes a set of combed earrings, necklaces and bracelets engraved with the silhouettes of female pioneers like Madame C.J. Walker. Mary McLeod Bethune and Biddy Mason. Bond says this collection is "long-term" and she intends to continually update the line with pearls, stones and other combs.

The inspiration for her Legacy collection comes from her involvement with young

When she's not criss-crossing the country for business meetings and sales presentations, Bond speaks to youths at community centers like the Herbert Hoover Youth Club. Bond says youngsters have realized that they do have choices and the hardships they face, are not new

These women [in Legacy collection] of my youth of today had a lot of adversity and challenges," she said. "But they were strong, they had vision. They were determined and they had God on their side."

inspiration and persistence has led to her most recent business coup, participation in the J.C. Penney Minority Supplier Development Program.

"After I had established a track record with Edison Brothers, selling to them, J.C. Penney heard about me," she explained. "I found out they had a need -- a problem, and my job was to give them a solution. And that's what I did."

In her initial presentation to J.C. Penney, Bond pitched her more mainstream jewelry line, "Anadi" (an African word meaning Godly, heavenly). This line consists of necklaces and bracelets adorned with beads, peace signs and other charms.

She has also started a men's tie collection under the names of "Amadi" and "Belinda." The ties, which her husband Anthony helps design, are described as "ethnic...with a classic flair."

It has been a little over two years since Bond made the plunge into financial independence, and fortunately, she is still afloat. Twenty-hour days, a vision and God

from these women, the 39-year-

in school. Especially if your child marches to the beat of a different drummer, help him figure out how he learns best. Talk with your child's teachers, and help identify areas of strength. Help your child find something he likes to do, and support him in developing his skills. Children who develop interests also expand their language skills, social abilities, organizational skills, problem solving abilities, and leadership skills - doing something they love to do!

#### 9. Analyze mistakes & address problems early.

In the working world, the "mistakes" and "problems" we solve are often the keys to our successes. Kids should never feel embarrassed about asking for help. Mistakes lie at the "cutting edge" of learning, identifying the line between what we know and what we have not yet learned. Mistakes may even be clues to how students learn! As your child goes through school and takes challenging courses, the ability to ask for help - early on - will become a success skill.

When children are having difficulties in any area - academic, personal, or social, it's important to address them while they're still problems and before they become crises. Parents and children who reach out early to tap the best thinking of their teachers, family, and community members are likely to develop both good solutions and strong support for the difficulties they face.

#### 10. Provide rich experiences for growing.

A key role of a parent is assuring that children have the kind of childhood experiences that will nourish them throughout their lives. Read regularly - daily - to your children when they are young and help them develop the joy of learning. As they become older, they can read to younger siblings and take turns reading when the family reads together. Give your child opportunities to observe and wonder about the natural world through trips to the zoo and park, and hikes in the country. Respect for the gifts of nature is at the root of world citizenship. Many parents forget the critical importance of play in childhood - where curiosity, fun, learning, and socializing can all come together. During play, children have the opportunity to explore, express, and practice ideas and behavior in creative ways. They develop the confidence to imagine, communicate, be active, and take risks.

The TV and computer are poor substitutes for play, and parents are wise to limit the time children spend in these areas. Not only that, the powerful and highly commercialized messages children receive through today's media may have a negative impact on the values and attitudes children develop. Parents and teachers need to talk with children about what they're seeing on TV, and take steps to counteract the negative and harmful messages that are given.

#### \*\*\*SPECIAL THANKS\*\*\*

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# A Conversation with Dr. Bill Cosby

## A "Call Out" Meeting about Parenting, Education & Social Responsibility

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## PROGRAM

**Invocation**.....Rev. Dr. William G. Gillespie  
*Pastor, Cote Brilliante Presbyterian Church and Senior Member, Harris Stowe Board of Regents*

**Welcome Remarks**.....Dr. Henry Givens, Jr.  
*President, Harris-Stowe State University*  
Earl Wilson, Jr.  
*President, St. Louis Gateway Classic Sports Foundation*

**Special Remarks**.....The Honorable Francis G. Slay  
*Mayor, City of St. Louis*  
The Honorable Charlie A. Dooley  
*St. Louis County Executive*

**Why the "Call Out"?**.....Sylvester Brown, Jr.  
*Metro Columnist, St. Louis Post-Dispatch*

**"Can Do" Stories**.....Guest Panelists

**Keynote Address**.....Dr. William H. Cosby, Jr.  
*Educator, Author, Philanthropist and World Renown Entertainer*

**"What's Next?"**.....Belinda Bond  
*The Bond Connection*

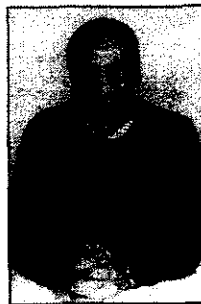
**Question & Answers**.....

**Closing Remarks**.....

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**Moderator for the Evening:** Tony Scott / *Majic 104.9*

**Co-Moderators:** Tina Elliott-Jackson / *St. Louis Gateway Classic Sports Foundation*  
Cassandra Walker / *CITY TV 10*

*Tonight's program will be broadcast live on Majic 104.9  
and recorded for later broadcast on City TV 10 (check listings)*



## Tips for Parents



### 1. Show up!

Make sure your child gets to school on time, every day. School attendance is one of the best predictors of school achievement and high school completion, and it's a habit that serves you well in the working world. Showing up is an important part of parenting, too. It's one of the best ways to show that you care about your child. Show up at teacher conferences, school plays, and athletic events. If your child is having difficulty with any aspect of school, showing up for meetings with teachers is the first step in developing a positive team approach.

### 2. Follow through.

After you've figured out how best to help your child, follow through. Follow through with the daily details (like checking assignment notebooks) that make a difference in your child's life. Follow through with the recommendations that teachers make. Follow through when you've set reasonable consequences for your child. Help your child learn to follow through with his assignments and commitments so that people can depend on him to be where he should be, on time; and to finish what he started.

### 3. Give helpful feedback.

Appreciate the good things your child does, and tell him out loud. Bring attention to his effort, organization, or technique - not just his grade or score. Kids who believe that their efforts make a difference are the ones who develop motivation and persistence. They stick with things when the going gets tough because they believe that working hard - and effectively - will make a difference.

On the other hand, kids who are primarily praised for their intelligence or talent may come to believe that innate ability rather than hard work is what makes the difference. They may expect things to come easily in areas where they have "ability" and may not stick with challenging tasks that are out of their comfort zone. Encourage all students to work hard and use strategies. When giving constructive criticism, suggest changes in the process, rather than criticizing ability or intelligence. Give special attention to the students who don't succeed in school, but who keep trying anyway. They need effective teaching or coaching, too, so that they don't become discouraged and depressed. They need concrete ways (graphs, portfolios) to see progress over time. They need to learn how to learn.

### 4. Find the right learning environment.

Kids are like sponges, constantly absorbing their environment. Make sure your child's school puts values (respect, truthfulness, hard work, and good manners) into practice in their mission, rules, and structure. Make sure that all children, including your own, are respected for their capabilities and are not subjected to shame, ridicule, or bullying. Make sure that your child has opportunities to be active and energetic, physically and academically. Support your child's teachers in asking for citizenship from your child. Make sure they support you in addressing your questions and concerns about your child's learning. Make sure that your child's teachers know many ways to teach and to reach all children.

### 5. Make connections daily.

At least once a day - at breakfast, dinner, or just before bedtime - have an extended conversation with your child. Ask questions, take turns talking, and be a great listener. Give your child plenty of time to respond. Look at your child as you listen, give cues that you're right there with her, and show that what she says is worth listening to.

### 6. Promote organization at home & at school.

Children need routines, habits, and systems to help them in today's complicated world. Get them in the habit of laying out the clothes they'll wear tomorrow and packing up school books and materials the night before school. Set regular routines for sleeping and eating. Use an assignment notebook to help keep track of school work. Make a file for your child's report cards and teacher comments. Keep a family calendar in a central location. Clean up clutter on a regular basis, and keep routines, schedules, and belongings as simple as possible.

### 7. Provide the foundation for learning.

Nutritious, regular meals combined with healthy patterns of sleep, activity, and exercise are a winning combination to support the growing, learning child. Kids who don't have this foundation may be lethargic in school, unenthusiastic about activities, and incapable of managing their schedule. The most important basics are, of course, love and understanding. Children need to know that a significant adult in their life loves, respects and genuinely enjoys them for who they are. Love and understanding also includes honestly addressing problems as they occur.

### 8. Help your child identify strengths and learn how s/he learns.

Take one quick look at the world around you and you'll see that traditional ways of thinking and problem solving are failing short. Organizations at every level need innovative solutions for the many problems we face. We live in a culture that values speed in learning. Many original thinkers begin as children who don't learn quickly.

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## NABTP Awards First Annual Scholarships



1999 NABTP scholarship winners celebrate with the NABTP education committee members who chose them, and Mr. and Mrs. James Brady. (See page 17).

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## NABTP 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention

From April 20 through April 25, 1999, the National Association of Black Telecommunications Professionals, Inc. (NABTP) held its 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention. The convention was at the Wyndham City Centre Hotel in Washington, D.C. African Americans and others attended the convention from all over the United States.

The convention began with Executive and Advisory Board meetings on Tuesday. A NABTP Benefit Golf Tournament was held on Wednesday. Thursday was Public Policy Day followed by the Mickey Leland/Patrice Johnson memorial awards reception. Friday and Saturday were Convention Sessions, Telecommunications Showcases and an open Marketplace. The convention ended with a Minority Business Development Gospel Breakfast and Roundtable.

The convention was well attended. It was obvious that those who attended had a good time from the beginning until the end. The NABTP chapter organizations in attendance were Community NETWORK of Telecommunications Professionals, Inc. (Community NETWORK), Consortium of Information and Telecommunications Executives, Inc. (CITE), Ameritech Black Advisory Panel (ABAP), BellSouth Network of African-American Telecommunications Professionals (BNAT) and Regional Alliance of Black Telecommunications Professionals (RABPT), and individual members from companies like Sprint, Telecon, LTD., etc.

If you missed this convention, review this newsletter for more information. You'll be inspired to attend next year's convention.

Welcome to the National Association of  
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**8<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL CONVENTION**  
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## *President's Message*

Members and Friends,

NABTP has closed out another fantastic convention in the nation's capitol! If you missed it, this issue will give you a taste of the wealth of information and perspectives that were shared by industry regulators, legislators, CEOs, and other telecommunications movers and shakers. Please note that the year 2000 convention will be in DALLAS, TEXAS, April 26-30. Keep checking the NABTP web site, [www.nabtp.org](http://www.nabtp.org) for details.



*Monica M. Huddleston*

NABTP will maintain an annual presence in Washington, D.C. in the fall during the Congressional Black Caucus week activities. Our public policy day activities, which are so very important and welcomed by Capitol Hill, FCC, and others in the D.C. area, will take place during that time. So, we will continue the relationship we have with those who impact our industry in such a major way. The balance of the convention seminars, etc. will be in the spring in other cities. We have made this change to allow more of our members and sponsors nationwide to participate in the convention activities and be exposed to all that is offered there. The NABTP annual convention will return to the D.C. area in spring, 2004, and every four years thereafter. Again, stay tuned to the NABTP web site for details.

Of all that happened at this year's convention, the first annual scholarship luncheon held on April 24<sup>th</sup> was a major highlight. NABTP has realized its goal of helping to further the technical education of deserving African American students by awarding \$7,500 in scholarships. These fine young people are showcased in this issue, as are other convention highlights. NABTP is very grateful to the SBC Foundation and all of the NABTP Golf Classic golfers and sponsors for making this gift possible. Our thanks to all of our sponsors, including Bell Atlantic, Southwestern Bell, Ameritech, Fujitsu, Morgan Stanley-Dean Witter, and Sprint. NABTP will continue to provide information and education about the telecommunications industry, especially as it relates to African Americans. These are exciting times in telecommunications. The opportunities continue to grow and we need to be a much bigger part of it all. Enjoy the newsletter and the web site.

Monica Huddleston  
President

**Check the NABTP Website  
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# The Value of Membership

By Michael Brundy

The amount of effort and energy we expend in an endeavor is directly related to the value we assign to that endeavor.

What is the value of networking and meeting other African Americans in the telecommunications industry? What is the value of interacting with members of Congress, the Executive Branch and the FCC? What is the value of an organization of black people looking out for the interests of black people in telecommunications?

There is not a dollar value to place on participation in the National Association of BlackTelecommunications Professionals, Inc. (NABTP). There is a value to our community. There is a value to our companies. There is a value to us as individual black professionals.

The value to our community is an organization that examines and reviews telecommunications issues from a black perspective. For example how do mergers and acquisitions impact black people? Because we are members of the black community, employees and stockholders, business owners and students, we have a unique view of telecommunications and serve as a unique voice in the black community.

The value participation in NABTP brings to our companies is one that should be mentioned often. If we are informed on issues, we are better employees. If we have access to officials and community leaders, we offer a special opportunity for dialogue in a mutually understood fashion. If we are members of NABTP, we interact with other members of our industry providing an opportunity to add our company's perspective to any discussion.

The value to us as individuals is one that any minority would recognize. We have an opportunity to bond with others in our industry like ourselves. We have a safe place to vent, to discuss and to learn. We can come together to inspire each other and acknowledge each other.

Is there value to being a NABTP member? I think so. Carefully explore this issue for areas of interest. Check it out and see what NABTP may offer you.



FCC Chairman Bill Kennard once again invites NABTP to "come to the FCC every year you are in town".



It's all about networking...



NABTP conventioners visit the office of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC).

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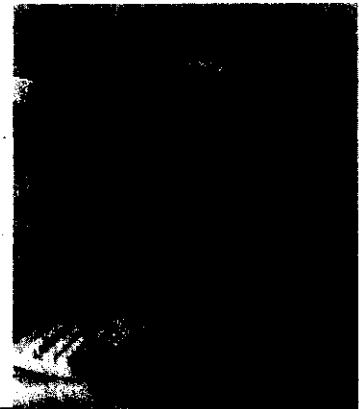
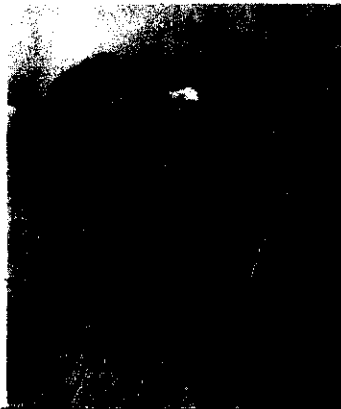
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The great thing about children is that the more we invest in them, the greater the return. A good education today will give a child the tools to build a brighter tomorrow. That's why Southwestern Bell continues to invest in our youth. The SBC Foundation supports organizations that focus on specific programs to benefit our youth. Parents as School Partners is one example. It encourages parental involvement with children. Southwestern Bell will continue to support education in the community, because we know that a better tomorrow starts with our children today.

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## NABTP Membership Meets in Washington, D.C.

As with any well-run meeting, the NABTP general membership meeting began with a roll call to clarify the delegates. The membership committee reviewed the delegates' credentials and insured that only authorized delegates participated in the meeting.

The main order of business was to review bylaws changes. Bylaws changes and additions had been developed based on input from the 1998 and 1999 delegates. These changes and additions were sent to the Bylaws Committee during the 1998-1999 year. There was also input from the Board of Directors.

Other issues discussed at this meeting include the need for an executive director, the office space rented from Bell Atlantic, the need to elect new officers in the future and the financial status of the organization.

If you are a NABTP member, you are encouraged to consult with your chapter director regarding the business conducted at this meeting.



NABTP members hard at work...



NABTP Executive Board member Beverly Wesley of BNAT/Bell South introduces Sam Taylor, Web Presence Consultant for Bell South.



Former FCC Commissioner and current NABTP Advisory Board member, Andrew Barrett moderates an exciting convention panel.

## Guess Who I Saw At The NABTP Convention

By Michael Brundy

Colson P. Turner is a Bell Atlantic Executive-in-Residence at Howard University. He is also a member of the NABTP Advisory Board. I saw Mr. Turner at the Mickey Leland/Patrice Johnson Memorial Awards Reception.

Of course, you're asking yourself why this would be important. Why mention this very personal meeting in a national magazine? Here's why.

Over fifteen years ago as a young manager from Southwestern Bell, during a Belcore assignment, I met Mr. Turner. My AVP directed me to Mr. Turner so that I could receive some pointers from a black man for whom he had great respect. Mr. Turner gave me some advice that has served me well during my career. To paraphrase, this is what he said. "Never forget the other people, the janitors, the security guard, the clerk, the ones who may not have "made it". He told me how he always tried to know and have a relationship with everyone. Many times someone black would be the guard or the clerk who gave him a "heads up" about what was really going on. That may have come in the form of an advance warning that the boss is on his way up the elevator or "you know that guy 'so and so' seems a little off."

We can learn from everyone. We must not forget from where we've come. Our relatives, our friends, don't all work high up on the corporate ladder. Treat everyone with respect. Now that was a great lesson.

But the greater joy was being able to thank Mr. Turner years later for helping me have a successful career and to do it with integrity.

Mr. Turner, thanks again.

## What A Way To See The City

The NABTP convention started on Wednesday, April 21, 1999. The NABTP Golf Tournament is an annual activity. The Washington, D.C. Night Tour was a new event.



The golf tournament was at the beautiful Reston Golf Course. It was an occasion for members to get to know each other in a casual but competitive environment. Up until late afternoon, even the weather participated in making this a great outdoor endeavor. The golf tournament was followed by an awards luncheon at the golf course.

Each year this tournament is more fun and more competitive. Do you think you can play golf the telecommunications way? Join us at next year's tournament so we can check out your swing.

Following the afternoon of golfing was the Night Tour. Members who had arrived early to take advantage of the city prior to the convention were treated to a tour of the Washington, D.C. area. The tour highlighted such places as the Capitol Building, the White House and Georgetown. Other stops included the Jefferson Memorial, the Kennedy Center, Iwo Jima Memorial and the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

The tour was a great way to be introduced to the city and new friends. Benjamin Banneker really laid the city out in grand style. Even with it's many circles and congested streets it was a great place to be. A good time was had by all and we began the convention energized and ready for business.

## Project Helping Hands

By Patricia Fisher

Project Helping Hands is the coordination of volunteers to assist members of the community in using Internet-ready, application-rich interactive personal computers provided by libraries. Volunteers help kids and adults surf the "NET" and use Microsoft Office software.

Basic knowledge of the Internet and Microsoft Word is important. Knowledge of Microsoft Excel and PowerPoint is a plus. Desire to help kids and adults become comfortable with computer technology and software applications is a must. NABTP and CITE are dedicated to helping those in the community get more comfortable with this technology.



Patricia Fisher, NABTP 1st VP.

## Why Is Project Helping Hands Needed?

Project Helping Hands is needed to increase computer literacy. Adults (especially seniors) in our communities want to become computer literate. They need a safe environment to learn. Kids without computers at home come to the library. They need help with application software and Internet searching. Libraries' budgets have constraints. The budgets don't allow for extra staff for computer centers. Library staff knows Internet searching, but is not as well versed on application software. That's why the volunteers for this program are so valuable.

The program was started in December 1997 at the Randallstown, Md. Branch of the Baltimore County Public Library. There are over 5000 users, 18 computer stations and 30 volunteers who have given over 1100 hours of their time. This program was so successful that in January, 1999 it was expanded to the Woodlawn Branch of the library.

CITE/NABTP members have taken this program from Baltimore to Pittsburgh, PA. Their goal is to continue to recruit more volunteers and expand to more libraries in both Baltimore and Pittsburgh. They also hope to roll this program out in other NABTP member organizations. The volunteer hours can be applied to matching funds within many companies.

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## Ameritech Embraces Differences through its support of Black Telecommunications Professionals

When we take the time to discover our differences we learn a lot in our business. Employees and customers are our best teachers. Because of Ameritech's diverse work force, we are better able to build relationships with all of our customers. After all, how can you learn if you don't listen? Some is boring - different is better.

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# 1999 NABTP CONVENTION



1999 NABTP Mickey Leland Award for Excellence in Diversity winner Ivan Seidenberg is congratulated by Cong. Ed Towns (D-NY).



Vendors at NABTP convention try to satisfy shoppers' demands.



Education Committee member Beverly Matthews and NABTP 2nd VP, Gisele Marcus congratulate scholarship winner Louis Salters.



Telecommunications companies exhibit their products and services at the convention.



Sherry Bellamy, right, President & CEO, Bell Atlantic-Maryland, receives acknowledgment from CITE-GTW member, Diane Crews.

## NABTP Officers

**Monica M. Huddleston, President**  
Community NETWORK / Southwestern Bell

**Pat Fisher, First Vice President**  
CITE / Bell Atlantic

**Gisele Marcus, Second Vice President**  
ABAP / Ameritech

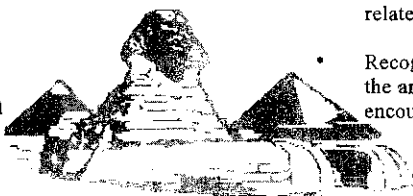
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MMA / Bell Atlantic



## NABTP's Mission

NABTP is a non-profit 501 (c)(3) organization founded in 1990 with a national and international membership of telecommunications professionals, small business owners, and students. As envisioned by our founders and their principal advisors, the late Mickey Leland (D-TX) and his chief of staff Patrice Johnson, our mission is "to be the premier source of education and information regarding the telecommunications industry for our members, interfacing organizations, and the public, with a specific emphasis on the African American community."

## NABTP Goals

- Attract talented students into the telecommunications industry, increasing the skilled work force base for thriving companies in need of prepared professionals.
- Provide training for current telecommunications professionals to enhance their knowledge and skills to positively impact their companies and the communities in which they live.
- Highlight the accomplishments of African American owned businesses in the telecommunications industry to facilitate alliances that create and grow job opportunities.
- Educate the African American public on the benefits of telecommunications technology to the quality of their lives and the related public policy developments that affect them.
- Recognize those in the industry and public life who have excelled in the area of diversity and service to their constituency to further encourage positive professional behavior.

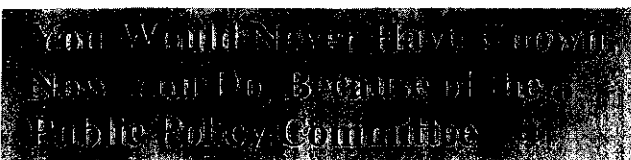
## Public Policy Day

Public Policy Day is typically the busiest day of the convention and this year was no exception. Following a brief business meeting, President Monica Huddleston and the Convention Chairperson, Patricia Fisher, addressed the members. They outlined the purpose and objectives for the day. This was NABTP members' opportunity to gain a better understanding of public policy issues, express their personal opinions to their legislators, and to listen to and talk to the FCC Chairman and Commissioners.

Before busing off to the Executive Building, the FCC offices, and Capitol Hill, a panel of government public policy experts addressed the audience. Riley Temple moderated the panel. On the panel were Monica Azar, House Telecommunications Committee, Linda Armstrong, FCC, and Paula Ford, Senate Telecommunications Committee.

Each panel member gave their "bosses" view on Telecommunications issues. The main issues discussed by NABTP members included Universal Service, Economic Reciprocity and Development for Minorities, and Education and Technology. The panel members handled the questions and discussion in expert fashion. They were obviously quite informed on the issues and extremely well educated.

Members left the discussion more informed of the positions of the Senate, the House, the White House and the FCC. But, if you listened to the conversations afterward, you would find that those sharp young African American women on the panel also impressed us.



The NABTP Public Policy Committee consists of dedicated members. These members research issues and communicate to the membership the details of telecommunications issues. They are particularly interested in telecommunications issues that affect African Americans, as employees, stockholders, customers, and members of our community.

When NABTP members arrive at the conference, the Public Policy convention provides them with more than a little information. They provide a guide to Capitol Hill, which includes maps, legislature directories, a glossary of terms, and key web sites.

The Public Policy Committee makes it easier for members to become involved in congressional visits. They believe that it is important for NABTP members to contact their elected representatives and appointed officials in order to help them make more informed decisions on issues that affect our families, communities, working and living environments.

### Committee Members are:

Brenda Morehead – Chairperson, Ronald Parker, Rolent Rivers, Barry Joyce, Jacalyn Wallace, John Fountaine, Clifton L. Miller

## A Day in Washington

Moving around the nation's capitol is an exciting experience. The NATO conference added to the already congested streets. But the weather was beautiful, the flowers in full bloom and people everywhere.

The buses dropped us off at the Old Executive Building around ten o'clock in the morning. The Old Executive Building was the place NABTP went for the White House briefing.

The White House briefing lasted for an hour. Fortunately, NABTP's Public Policy committee had done a lot of homework and provided members with talking points, fact sheets, and a folder full of information. The members were definitely prepared and armed with information. (See pages 9-12).

The White House representatives discussed the Welfare to Work program and how we as telecommunications professionals can assist those needing to enter the work force. They also shared a lot of good information on the success of initiatives the Clinton administration has to improve employment and education opportunities in the African American community.

That feeling of confidence only increased following this meeting as members begin to feel empowered by the information they had and the access to public policy individuals.



Sprint's Brenda Morehead, Chair of Public Policy Committee and NABTP 3rd VP (in white pants suit), and Thomas Lowe, NABTP board director to her right.



## White House Initiatives

### Legislative Initiatives

## FCC Proceedings

### Future Developments

## Education

### Background/Relevancy

Education and opportunity have always gone hand-in-hand. Today, the way people learn, as well as the way they are taught is being shaped by telecommunications technology. Through the Snowe-Rockefeller-Exon-Kerry Amendment to the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (incorporated as Section 254), Congress mandated that elementary and secondary school classrooms and libraries have affordable access to advanced telecommunications services. Monitoring must continue and initiatives must occur to ensure that the African-American community is not bypassed.

Richard W. Riley, Secretary of Education (at the Sixth Annual State of American Education Conference, February 16, 1999 in Long Beach, CA) remarked:

1. "Evidence is growing of a "digital divide" which is creating classes of the privileged, the underprivileged and the excluded."

2. "The knowledge gap is rapidly increasing the earnings gap. College educated Americans now make 76% more than Americans who simply have a high school diploma."

Among supportable appropriations included in the Clinton Administration's FY1999 Budget are:

1. \$450 million for the "Technology Literacy Challenge Fund" to ensure teachers will be able to effectively integrate technology into their instruction; \$75 million for the Pre-Service Teacher Training in Technology initiative; and \$30 million for a new Middle School Teacher Training initiative;

2. \$65 million for Community-Based Technology Centers; and

3. \$965 Million for a three-part initiative to Close America's Skills Gap:

- \$190 million increase for adult education and family literacy initiative
- \$368 million increase for a universal re-employment initiative and
- \$405 million increase for a youth employment initiative.

Public Libraries and schools are critical components in making education and opportunity a reality for all Americans. The "E-Rate" must continue to be protected. In its Fifth Order on Reconsideration and Fourth Report and Order (FCC 98-120; CC Docket No. 96-45) the FCC revised the disbursement rules to ensure the most disadvantaged schools and libraries receive priority for support. On February 19, 1999, 3,700 applicants were sent letters committing \$323 million in E-Rate funds for schools and libraries.

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- technology literacy challenge;
- teacher/administrator training;
- E-Rate for schools & libraries.



NABTP members meet with their congressman on Capitol Hill.

## White House Initiatives

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### Future Developments

## Universal Service

### Background/Relevancy

The concept that each American household has access to a telephone is a policy principal established in the Telecommunications Act of 1934. With passage of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, the concept expanded from simple provision of dial tone to a redefinition of "basic services". Commerce Secretary William M. Daley, in a February 8, 1999 press conference of economic advisors, stated, "...the administration proposes to preserve the goal of universal service while allowing it to evolve with technology, so that all Americans are guaranteed access to essential information and communication services". This is obviously not POTS (plain old telephone service). The increased education and participation of the African-American community about the design of the funding mechanisms and positions of contributors to the Universal Service Fund (USF) are crucial. Hinging on answers to the questions of "who pays for USF" and "how much," is the reality of how many Americans actually will have access to essential information and communications services.

The Telecommunications Act of 1996 mandated "all providers of telecommunications services" contribute to the Universal Service Fund (USF). This would support services and new technology deployment to "high-cost areas" (i.e., rural, low-density areas), schools and libraries.

In its Universal Services Order, the FCC concluded that "both state and federal governments have a role in ensuring all Americans benefit from affordable telecommunications services, consistent with statutory mandate embodied in the Telecom Act of 1996."

A hearing was held in October 1998 to discuss whether the goal of affordable telephone service is being met and whether there are policies that the Joint Board should consider recommending in order to continue meeting the goal of affordable services.

The National Telecommunication and Information Administration (NTIA) in its 1994 Notice of Inquiry articulated a long-standing commitment to the achievement of universal service and defined it as "widespread availability of basic telephone service at affordable rates".

The most widely used measure of telephone subscribership is the percentage of households with telephone services -- a measure of telephone penetration. The Industry Analysis Division of the FCC released a December, 1998 report ("Telephone Subscribership in the United States") that indicated 94.1% of all households in the US had telephones. A closer look reveals the "have-nots".

- Almost 6% of Americans do not have telephones.
- Over 22% of households with incomes below \$5,000 do not have telephones.
- Over 12% of households headed by African-Americans do not have telephones.
- Over 12% of households headed by Hispanics do not have telephones.

On March 18, 1999, in CC Docket 98-147, the FCC adopted measures "to enable competitive providers of advanced services, such as high-speed Internet access, to deploy new technologies on a faster, most cost-effective basis to consumers".

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- affordable basic service;
- technology deployment to rural and urban disadvantaged areas.



NABTP members listen intently to FCC Chairman, William Kennard.

## Economic Reciprocity and Development for Minorities

### Background/Relevancy

One of the expected outcomes of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 was the development of competition in the telecommunications industry, which most economists agree, would fuel a more robust economy. The telecommunications industry is the sixth largest industry in this country. The Commerce Department reports: "sales of telecommunications equipment and phone service topped \$400 billion in 1998; one million of the 18 million new jobs created since 1993 are related to telecommunications. The industry itself has generated over 200,000 new jobs since 1993. There are now some 400 publicly owned telecommunications companies...hundreds of new private companies. Current exports of telecommunications services and equipment stand at about \$25 billion."

Over the past two decades there has been progressive withdrawal of the broad-based role of the federal government in respect to social and economic programs for the disadvantaged.

African-Americans contribute to the economic well being of the United States economy. Jeffrey Humphreys, Assistant Director of The Selig Center for Economic Growth, projects that "the nation's black buying power will rise from \$308 billion in 1990 to \$533 billion in 1999, up by 72.9% in nine years..." Further, "despite their lower average income levels, African-American households spent more on apparel, telephone services and natural gas than average US households". (Georgia Business & Economic Conditions, Vol.58, No. 4; July-August 1998, University of Georgia).

With the increasing attractiveness of the African-American market and competitiveness in the industry, it is reasonable to expect increased opportunity.

In a September 17, 1998 statement on the NAACP's "Economic Reciprocity Initiative Telecommunications

Industry Review," Kweisi Mfume stated, "...the significance of African-American expenditures on telephone services validates the need to critically analyze whether there is sufficient return on our investment dollars". The "Wall Street Project" initiated by the Reverend Jesse Jackson and the Rainbow/Push Coalition challenges corporations to end what is termed a "trade deficit" with minority vendors and consumers.

Initiatives presented in the Clinton Administration's FY2000 proposed budget include:

- a New Markets Initiative -- a new package of tax credit and loan guarantee incentives that will stimulate \$15 billion of new private capital in businesses in America's own untapped markets;
- Empowerment Zones and Enterprise Communities -- mandatory funding for each of the next ten years: \$150 million for urban EZs and Strategic Planning Communities; \$10 million for rural EZs and \$5 million for rural Ezs.

An increase in leadership from the public and private sectors promoting the growth of entrepreneurial, employment and advancement opportunities is in order.

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- economic opportunity through availability of capital to entrepreneurs; procurement of goods and services from those entrepreneurs and increased workforce utilization (employment and advancement);
- impact of mergers/acquisitions on workers, consumers and competition;
- community empowerment through public/private sector partnerships and volunteerism.

## Additional Issues of Interest

### Background/Relevancy

#### At the FCC

##### **Broadcast and Cable EEO Rules and Policies (MM Docket No. 98-204, FCC 98-305)**

On March 7, 1999 NABTP added its voice to the chorus of organizations (through filed comments) urging the FCC to continue its commitment to equal opportunity employment in the broadcast and cable industries by creating an effective and constitutional program of equal employment opportunity.

**Support FCC Chairman William Kennard's leadership** in implementing the Telecommunications Act of 1996 and the plan to reorganize the FCC (introduced March 18, 1999 at a Commerce Committee Hearing). In a report entitled "A New Federal Communications Commission for the 21st Century"; Chairman Kennard outlined his vision for a "new FCC". Its focus would be on core functions revolving around: 1) Universal Service, consumer protection and information; 2) enforcement and promotion of pro-competition goals domestically and worldwide and 3) spectrum management.

#### In Congress

**HR573** – resolution introduced and passed to confer the Congressional Medal of Honor to Rosa Parks for her contribution to America in the area of Civil Rights. **S-531** was the Senate version sponsored by Senator Spencer Abraham (R-MI). Co-sponsors include Senators Kennedy, Levin, Harkin and Sessions. (This award was given to Mrs. Parks in June, 1999).

FCC Commissioner Michael Powell addresses convention luncheon members and guests.



Visit these **WEBSITES** which contain information on **education, universal services and economic reciprocity**. Make others aware of them.

<http://www.fcc.gov/>

<http://www.thomas.loc.gov/>

<http://www.ntia.doc.gov>

[http://www.go.com/WebDir/Governmen...cal\\_issues](http://www.go.com/WebDir/Governmen...cal_issues)

<http://clerkweb.house.gov/mbrcmtee/stats.html>

<http://www.benton.org/cpphome.html>

<http://www.telecompolicy.net/about/glance.html>

<http://www.epn.org/cme/ushmpg.html>

<http://www.selig.uga.edu/>

<http://naacp.org/>

<http://rainbowpush.org/>

<http://www.slcfund.org>



Bell Atlantic-Washington President & CEO Marie Johns keynotes the Granville T. Woods Award dinner.



Diversity Excellence Award winner, Ivan Seidenberg accepts his award.

## Mickey Leland *Award*

The Mickey Leland Award For Excellence In Diversity is awarded in honor of the late Congressman Mickey Leland (D-TX). Congressman Leland was a strong supporter of diversity in telecommunications. The award is given to an outstanding leader in the field of telecommunications who has contributed to fostering diversity in the industry.

This year's winner, Ivan Seidenberg, Chairman & CEO of Bell Atlantic, joins a special group of past winners that include Neil E. Cox, President-Ameritech Information Industry Services; Gerald M. Levin, Chairman and CEO of Time Warner, Inc.; Congressman Ed Towns (D-NY); Wade Henderson, Director of Washington Bureau of NAACP; and Congressman Ed Markey (D-MA).

As chief executive of Bell Atlantic and previously of NYNEX, Ivan Seidenberg has been instrumental in reshaping the communications industry through two of the largest mergers in business history. He led efforts to merge NYNEX with Bell Atlantic in 1997, and Bell Atlantic's pending merger with GTE will create a global telecommunications company with a market capitalization in excess of \$155 billion.

He has a long-standing commitment to education and is a strong proponent of connecting students and teachers to technology. He was the force behind Bell Atlantic's decision to champion a special rate for schools and libraries to connect to the Internet. Mr. Seidenberg's activism to provide electronic access to young people led to his involvement with The New York Hall of Science, the National Urban League and Pace University, on whose boards he serves.

Mr. Seidenberg champions diversity both within and outside Bell Atlantic. Under his leadership, Bell Atlantic has made great strides in increasing minority employment and has initiated a partnership with the U.S. Small Business Administration to increase the company's purchasing from minority suppliers to \$1 billion by the end of the year 2000. Bell Atlantic's commitment to diversity has been recognized, with the company being named number 17 by *Fortune* magazine in its list of "The 50 Best Companies for Asians, Blacks and Hispanics."

Mr. Seidenberg received the Granville T. Woods award during a reception on Capitol Hill.



Josie Robinson Johnson, Patrice's mother, shares an emotional moment with Monica Huddleston at the reception honoring her daughter (easel photo) at Capitol Hill reception.

## Patrice Johnson *Award For Excellence*

The Patrice Johnson Award For Excellence is awarded in honor of the late Patrice Johnson, Chief of Staff to the late Congressman Mickey Leland (D-TX). She was an outstanding

public servant who assisted Congressman Leland during his tenure on the House Telecommunications Subcommittee. She was instrumental in a number of affirmative action initiatives in the telecommunications industry.

The award is given to an outstanding congressional, judicial, or executive branch staff member who has provided exemplary service to their constituency.

This year's honoree, Ambassador Vonya B. McCann joins such past winners as FCC Chairman William Kennard when he was FCC General Counsel; Denise Wilson, then Special Assistant to the Committee on Post Office and Civil Service; Dr. JoAnn Anderson, Director of Telecommunications and Capital Development at the National Congress for Community Economic Development (on loan from the NTIA); Khalil Munir, Sr. Legislative Assistant to Congressman Ed Towns (D-NY); and Catherine J. Sandoval, then Director-Office of Communications Business Opportunities, FCC.

Vonya B. McCann serves as Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Economic and Business Affairs, as well as Deputy Assistant Secretary for International Communications and Information Policy. She joined the Department in 1994 and was nominated for the rank of Ambassador by President Clinton and confirmed by the U.S. Senate.

Ambassador McCann develops and coordinates United States positions on international communications and information policy and promotes these positions internationally. She represents the United States with foreign governments and international organizations, such as the International Telecommunication Union and INTELSAT. She leads delegations to bilateral and multilateral negotiations to open markets to U.S. exports of communication equipment, services and standards and to gain access to international radio-frequency spectrum and orbit positions. Ambassador McCann serves as the State Department's principal liaison with the White House and Congress on international communications and information policy.

Ambassador McCann practiced communications law for 14 years in Washington, D.C. She has held legal and policy positions at the FCC and the Department of Commerce. She has expertise in a variety of regulatory and business matters involving the telecommunications industry.



Ambassador Vonya McCann, left accepts the Patrice Johnson Award for Excellence.

# NABTP HALL OF FAME

## MICKEY LELAND *Award* Excellence In Diversity

|      |                  |  |
|------|------------------|--|
| 1992 | Raymond W. Smith | Chairman & CEO - Bell Atlantic                     |
| 1993 | Edward Markey    | Congressman (D-MA)                                 |
| 1994 | A. Gary Ames     | President & CEO - US West                          |
| 1995 | Wade Henderson   | Director, Washington Bureau NAACP                  |
| 1996 | Gerald M. Levin  | Chairman & CEO, Time Warner                        |
| 1997 | Edolphus Towns   | Congressman (D-NY)                                 |
| 1998 | Neil E. Cox      | President, Ameritech Information Industry Services |

## PATRICE JOHNSON *Award* Excellence

|      |                             |   |
|------|-----------------------------|---|
| 1992 | Antoinette "Toni" Cook Bush | Majority Senior Counsel, Senate Communications Sub-Committee of Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation |
| 1993 | Patti Grace Smith           | FCC Deputy Director for Policy  |
| 1994 | Denise Wilson               | Special Assistant, Committee on Post Office & Civil Service, U.S. House of Representatives                        |
| 1995 | Dr. JoAnn Anderson          | Director, Telecommunications & Capital Development, NCCED   |
| 1996 | Khalil Munir                | Communications Director, Congressman Ed Towns (D-Tx)  |
| 1997 | William Kennard             | General Counsel, FCC  |
| 1998 | Catherine Sandoval          | Director, Office of Communications Business Opportunities, FCC  |

## GRANVILLE T. WOODS *Award* Outstanding CEO

|      |                    |  |
|------|--------------------|--|
| 1992 | Joshua Smith       | CEO, MAXIMA Corporation                              |
| 1993 | Emmit J. McHenry   | Chairman, President & CEO, Network Solutions         |
| 1994 | Kathryn Turner     | Founder & Principal Owner, Standard Technology, Inc. |
| 1995 | Joseph Profit, Sr. | President & CEO, Communications International, Inc.  |
| 1996 | Cheryl R. Basye    | Owners and Co-founders, ZoCom Technologies, Inc.     |
|      | Raymond A. Bayse   |  |
| 1997 | David Steward      | President, World Wide Technology, Inc.               |
| 1998 | James "Bud" Ward   | President, Symbiont, Inc.                            |

## ANTHONY LAKE *Award* Sharing Technology

|      |            |                             |
|------|------------|-----------------------------|
| 1994 | Ken Kousky | Chairman, WAVE Technologies |
|------|------------|-----------------------------|



## Granville T. Woods



A tribute to African American inventor, Granville T. Woods.

*"The greatest colored inventor in the history of the race and equal, if not superior, to any inventor in the country." Catholic Tribune 1886*

Bell Atlantic salutes the work of Granville T. Woods, the African American inventive genius born in 1856 in Columbus, Ohio.

Although Woods quit school at age ten to work and help support his family, he studied electrical and mechanical engineering as he worked as an engineer, railroad fireman and blacksmith. In 1880, Woods organized Woods Electrical Company in Ohio where he invented numerous communications, transportation and scientific devices. During his lifetime, Woods registered more than 65 Patents.

A critical stepping stone for the communications industry occurred in 1884 when Woods developed the telegraphony, a machine which converted words into telegraphic signals. Soon after, Woods invented a message transmitter which significantly enhanced the volume of message signals enabling sound to travel much farther distances at a higher quality. In addition, Woods combined telephone and telegraph devices so that telephone messages could be transmitted over telegraphic wires. Despite his prolific work, Woods was never able to market his inventions successfully. Instead, he sold his inventions to well-financed corporations, including General Electric and American Bell Telephone, now known as AT&T. Woods died in New York City in 1910.

Bell Atlantic proudly acknowledges the work of African American inventor Granville T. Woods whose vision, persistence and hard work have helped make Bell Atlantic's contribution to the telecommunications industry possible.

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## Granville T. Woods

### *Award Winner*

Michael Roberts and Steve Roberts

Michael and Steven Roberts of Roberts Wireless, Inc. in St. Louis are the 1999 Granville T. Woods Award winners. Michael Roberts accepted the award for both of these successful brothers. Michael and Steve Roberts are true businessmen. They have established several businesses over the past twenty-five years.



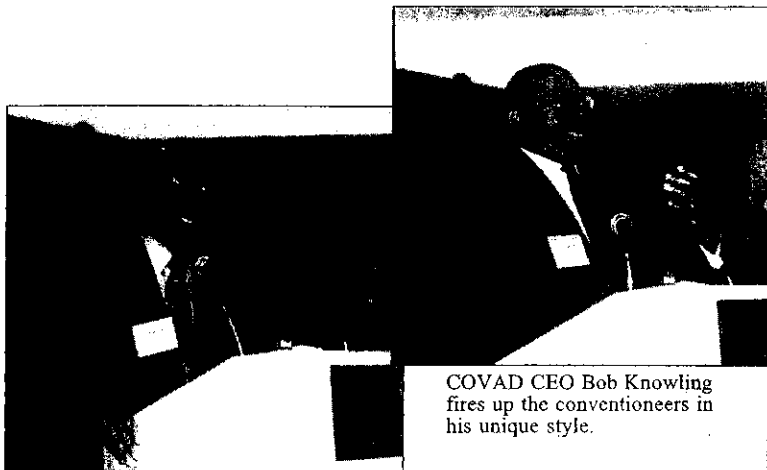
Sphinx editor Michael Brundy presents Michael Roberts of Roberts Wireless with the 1999 Granville T. Woods Award.

They began in 1974 with Roberts-Roberts & Associates. RR&A is a minority owned business consulting and construction management firm headquartered in St. Louis, Missouri. Later they formed Kingsway Center Partnership, Roberts Broadcasting Company, Roberts Brothers Development and a host of other companies.

Their ownership of television stations is most impressive. The Roberts fully or partially own over a dozen television stations. The stations are in places like Denver, St. Louis, Nashville, Raleigh-Durham, Hartford, Albuquerque, Mobile and Pensacola.

Most recently, Roberts Communications has become the only non-telco Sprint affiliate. With 1.9 million POPS in its current service area, Roberts' company is the second largest Sprint affiliate and has the opportunity to increase this market as Sprint continues its drive to provide 100% PCS-digital coverage throughout the country.

It's no wonder that NABTP chose the Roberts brothers as the 1999 Granville T. Woods Award winners.



Kelvin Westbrook, President & CEO of Millennium Digital Media, shares his views.

COVAD CEO Bob Knowing fires up the conventioners in his unique style.



John Appel, President- Network Services, GTE Corp. makes his point in the Executive Roundtable session of the convention.

# Mom Proud

## Making

One thing that we all hope to do is make our parents proud. Well Patrice Johnson did just that. Ten years ago Patrice died in an airplane crash with Congressman Mickey Leland. But before that fateful day, she had done plenty to make a mother proud. Most important to NABTP was her gift of advice and help that assisted the organization in getting off the ground.

One of the highlights of the Public Policy Day was to have Patrice's mother flown in for the Mickey Leland/Patrice Johnson memorial award reception. Mrs. Josie Robinson Johnson, who is the obvious origin of Patrice's beautiful smile and presence, spoke to the group about Patrice's and her pride.

Even though numerous politicians would come and go during the reception, it was obvious that Mrs. Johnson had stolen the show. If we could all live in such a way that years after we've left this earth our legacy will still stand and make our mothers proud, our lives will not be lived in vain.



Missouri Public Service Commissioner Harold Crumpton, Florida Public Service Commissioner Julia Johnson, Josie Robinson Johnson, and NARUC vice chairman and Montana Public Service Commissioner Bob Rowe share light moments with Congressional staffers.



Bell Atlantic executive Howard Woolley looks on as Mrs. Josie Robinson Johnson shares memories of Patrice.



Telecom, LTD co-owner James Brady shares his wisdom with the NABTP scholarship luncheon crowd.

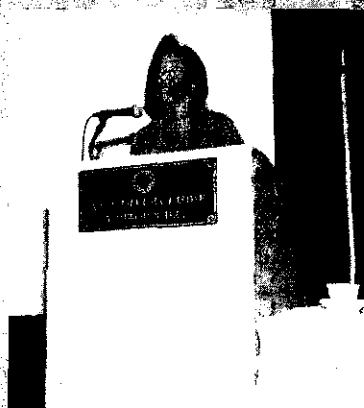
Telecom, LTD co-owner Debra Brady sparks interest from the students and guests at the NABTP scholarship luncheon.



NABTP Advisory Board Chairman, Denise Wilson, Marty LaVoi, and Josie Robinson Johnson, mother of the late Patrice Johnson.



NABTP members of ABAP, the Ameritech chapter.



NABTP Executive Board member Jacqueline Lawson (ABAP/Ameritech) introduces the scholarship winners.



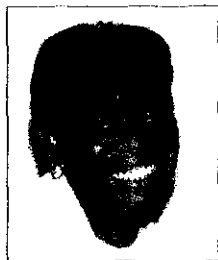
Missouri Public Service Commissioner Harold Crumpton, Gertchen Bean (Community Network/SBC member), COVAD CEO Bob Knowling, and Howard Jackson, NABTP immediate past president and CITE/Bell Atlantic chapter member.



# NABTP Scholarship Winners—A First For NABTP!

By Jacqueline Lawson

Five deserving students descended on Washington D.C. during the NABTP convention to receive this year's NABTP scholarships totaling \$7,500. Two scholarships were denoted for college bound high school students in the amounts of \$1,500 and \$1,000. Three scholarships in the amount of \$2,000, \$1,500 and \$1,000 were awarded to students attending an accredited college/university.



**Devaki Jordan** was the 1st place NABTP High School Scholar and was awarded \$1,500. Ms. Jordan, age 18, was born in Denver, Colorado. Devaki graduates from George Washington High School in Denver, with a 3.3 GPA. She is Vice President-Student Body, a member of C.L.O.U.T. and Ambassador to Desmond

Tutu. She has received numerous awards, including Mile High Scholar, Who's Who Among High School Students, INROADS, 850 KOA Kids Count, and Co-Chair of the Cherry Creek Diversity Conference. Devaki arrived in Washington at 2:30 AM on April 23rd with the perfect attitude. Devaki will attend Spellman College in the fall and major in International Business because major companies are expanding into global markets.



**Louis Salters** was 2nd place NABTP High School Scholar and received a \$1,000 award. Louis Salters, age 17, was born in Kalamazoo, Michigan. He is a successful student. He maintains a 3.9 GPA at Renaissance High School. Louis was competing in a Computer competition and needed special permission to leave

Philadelphia to receive his award in Washington. Louis holds impressive 1st and 2nd place awards, including 1st pl. BPA Network Administration Competition, 2nd pl. BPA Database Applications, 2nd pl. Metropolitan Science fair, 2nd pl. Pre-College Quiz bowl, Who's Who Among High School students and the list goes on and on. Louis is a dynamic speaker, volunteers for the Ameritech Pioneers and is a football player. Louis will attend the University of Michigan, pursuing a dual major in Computer Science and International Business.



**Caryn Bell**, age 18 and born in Chicago, Illinois, was awarded 1st place Collegian honors and received a scholarship in the amount of \$2,500. Caryn attends Columbia University in Chicago and majors in Media Management. Caryn is an active member of the Black Student Union and has performed internships with

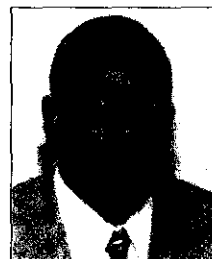
ESSENCE magazine and WGCI radio in Chicago. Caryn left the NABTP conference to attend the Essence Music Awards where she would volunteer and enjoy rubbing elbows with Nationally recognized recording artists. Caryn's list of awards are numerous:

National Honor Society Merit; High School Honor Roll, National Beta Club, TGAP award for Banking and Finance, and an Apostolic Church of God and Saving Grace Ministries scholarship. Her career goals are to become founder and CEO of a mass media corporation and to establish community programs for the progress of the African American community.



**Manssa Muhammad**, age 19, born in Phoenix, Arizona, was awarded 2nd place Collegian Honors and received a \$2,000 scholarship. You couldn't help but like Manssa Muhammad at first site. This is a very tall, very friendly young man. He arrived in Washington at 2:00 AM on April 23rd without a hint of frustration. His

bubbly personality was truly infectious. He quickly formed a comraderie with the other students. Manssa attends Langston University in Langston, Oklahoma and maintains a 3.8 GPA, majoring in Computer Science and Mathematics. He has received numerous awards: Outstanding Academic Achievement, Distinguished Performance and Honor Roll status. He is a math tutor and member of OKAMP-SMETE organization. Manssa's goals are to receive a Master's degree and Ph.D. in Computer Science and Mathematics, thus obtaining the status of "Dr. Muhammad."



**Troy Whitehurst**, age 22, born in Norfolk, Virginia received 3rd place Collegian honors and was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship. Troy was a very spiritually grounded older student. He gave thanks for receiving his scholarship and acknowledged his mother who had ridden a bus for 8 hours to attend the

Scholarship luncheon. Troy attends Norfolk State University, majoring in Business Management and maintains a 3.5 GPA. He is an active member of the NSU Honors Program and an entrepreneur. He owns a small business screen printing T-shirts. He maintains his honor roll status and is a single father, youth mentor and a football player. Troy plans to graduate with honors and become a prominent role model for future African American students.

*Each one of these students touched our hearts and even today we continue to keep in contact with them. Each year as part of its convention, NABTP will award scholarships to students demonstrating achievements like these five young people have done.*